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more road miles because there is a set...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I don't know that they have more road miles, Senator, they typically have higher costs.

SENATOR HARTNETT: For...for both of them. And this purpose of this amendment was to try equalize with all the counties.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, yeah, the purpose... 1136 was introduced because it did a very good job of sending state aid to counties that were going to experience cuts under 1114. If you examine the printout for that alone, standing alone, that proposal is 76 percent effective in that regard.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hmm.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: In other words, if you have a county, if you live in a county that was going to experience cuts under 1114, you're likely to get dollars under this proposal. And every dollar that we spend under this proposal, 76 cents of that goes to a county that would experience cuts under 1114.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Then...then maybe counties that have done a pretty good job of managing their affairs, that have zero or below, are they being penalized by this, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, they are not because they may have a much higher capacity to pay for the particular activity, and, in fact, that's the way the formula works. You calculate a county's capacity to pay for road miles, you calculate a statewide capacity to pay for road miles, and then you are receiving aid based on the difference.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of AM3747 for a number of reasons. First off, I think it's important to keep in mind that the real objective here is to provide state aid to counties in view of their shortcomings as a result of 1114, the levy lids.